



Early Times

Infant and Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church

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The Vision of the Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church is:

All infants and toddlers with a developmental need are identified, supported, accepted, included and valued in their family and community.

★ ITC's SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE ★



Kellie Ortiz

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Silvia Zaleta-Meza

The ITC family would like to send an enormous thank you to Family Support Liaison Silvia Zaleta-Meza for her 3 years of service and dedication to the mission and values of ITC.

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"Silvia has been a great support to the South County team. She contributed greatly to create a more positive work environment by establishing and promoting multiple family activities in the community. Her efforts have enabled staff to have a new enthusiasm and passion about the mission of ITC." – Cecilia Herola-Morris, Regional Manager

Kids 'N Motion Is Expanding!

With much success during our pilot program and our recent popularity at Southgate Community Center, our Kids 'N Motions program will be expanding this winter! It will now be offered at the Mott Community Center in Fairfax and at the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church. We are so thankful for our partnership with Neighborhood and Community Services of Fairfax County!

Mott Community Center: January 8, 22, 29, and February 5, 12.

James Lee Community Center: January 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7

COX FARMS FALL FESTIVAL 2017

By: Mia Batson



On a warm, windy morning in September, over 80 ITC families enjoyed a special day at Cox Farms. Totalling 300, with parents and children, and joined by 20 ITC staff, we ventured all over Cox Farms' Fall Festival. Cox's Fall Festival boasts over 40 acres of activities, including a hay ride, big slides, and live animals. ITC staff worked the welcome table, as well as enjoyed spending time with the kids out in the play areas. "We had such a special day," said parent Dawn Moore. "Mackenzie and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves playing on the tractor and feeding the goats!" Cox has many wood frame cut-outs and families enjoyed taking pictures in the fall-themed frames, as well as taking family pictures to make memories. Said one parent as she snapped hundreds of pictures on her phone, "There is nothing cuter than a baby in a wagon of pumpkins!" The Fall Festival is extremely popular, with between 40,000 and 50,000 visiting in the month of October. Said co-owner Gina Cox, "We probably have about 1,000 people per weekday, and a couple thousand each day of the weekend. But we're happy to extend the invitation to the Infant Toddler Connection community." Cox Farms generously provided the tickets for ITC families at no cost.

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A Great BIG THANK YOU to our Pathways to Preschool program volunteers!

This past summer these individuals supported families transition to preschool classrooms by volunteering time in their already busy schedules to engage with children in the classroom and facilitate discussions with parents. Without volunteers, the Pathways to Preschool program would not be possible!

Service Coordinators: Bonnie Arjona, Katie Boyd, Amanda Carrington, Scott Evans, Tecquinetta Fogle, Terry Gilmartin, Dorion Golback, Kimberly Harris, Nosheen Khan, Harae Na, Meghann McConnell, Deon McCutchen, Kellie Ortiz, Francia Salas, Blanca Siles, and Jessica Sherman

Social Workers: Naomi Grinney, Christina Hule, Abi McAllister, and Erin Preuss

Community Volunteer: Jake Kandel



Join the ITC Team!

If you are the parent of a child who received Early Intervention services, then you are uniquely qualified to support other families. Please consider joining our ITC Regional Family Support Liaison Team.

Regional Family Support Liaisons are parents whose child has received early intervention services in the past, and are exceptionally suited to assist and encourage current ITC families.

Regional Family Support Liaisons provide information and resources and mentor new families in conjunction with ITC Service Coordinators. Responsibilities include:

planning and coordinating activities for current ITC families those new to ITC developing community partnerships and supporting events and activities for ITC families

guiding families and early intervention providers to appropriate resources, support groups, parent-to-parent groups, and linking new ITC families with other ITC families

If you are interested in working part-time and becoming a member of the Regional Family Support Liaison team, contact Melissa Davis, Family Support Liaison Advisor, at 703-246-5347 or Melissa.davis2@fairfaxcounty.gov.



TRANSITION WORKSHOP

By: Karen Mead

A Transition Workshop was held on Saturday, December 2 at Joseph Willard Health Center for parents of ITC children who turned two by September 30, 2017.

Parents interested in gaining further information about transition planning and Fairfax County Public Schools Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services met with Jennie Smith, ECSE Specialist. Jennie presented a Transition Planning overview about Fairfax County Public Schools ECSE with more in-depth information on how Service Coordinators support families and children as they consider next steps. This information is designed to help parents make decisions based on their priorities for their child. In addition, Jennie is the parent of two special needs children and has many years of early childhood special education teaching experience. She is passionate about insuring parents receive information which supports their making informed decisions related to the path that **they will take as they support their child's transition.**

If you are curious about the transition process we hope that you will join us for the upcoming Transition Workshop and Resource Fair in early Spring 2018. More information to come from your Service Coordinator!

A Note from the Director...

Welcome to Winter

Hello to everyone in our ITC family. As we move into the Winter season it is good time to remind everyone about our policies that help to keep everyone healthy and safe. If anyone in your home is sick, we ask that you contact your provider and cancel your appointment. It is important that during this season of staying indoors we make sure that we are not moving germs from one home to the other. Although we make a point to observe health department handwashing recommendations, it is always better to be safe than sorry with this very young and vulnerable population. In addition, we follow Fairfax County Public Schools weather related closings in order to keep our mobile workforce safe.

So bundle up, keep your friends and family close, and enjoy the colder weather!

By: Susan Sigler, CCC-SLP, Acting Director

- * When public schools are CLOSED due to hazardous driving conditions – all assessments, reviews & sessions IN THE HOME/DAYCARE are cancelled.
- * When public schools announce they will CLOSE EARLY due to hazardous driving conditions – all assessments, reviews & sessions IN THE HOME/DAYCARE scheduled after the announcement are cancelled.
- * When public schools announce a LATE OPENING due to hazardous driving conditions – all assessments, reviews & sessions IN THE HOME/DAYCARE beginning before 10:00 am are cancelled.
- * When public schools are not in session (school holiday) AND Fairfax County Government has unscheduled leave in effect – assessments, reviews & sessions IN THE HOME/DAYCARE are cancelled.





**Infant & Toddler Connection of
Fairfax-Falls Church**

3750 Old Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22030
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December

Monday, December 4 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Kid Junction: Exceptional Kids Night
4090 Lafayette Center Drive, Suite E
Chantilly, VA 20151

Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Tuesday, December 5 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Sensory Story Time.
Sherwood Hall Library.
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane.

Alexandria, VA 22306

Contact: Melissa.davis@fairfaxcounty.gov or 571-288-4536

Tuesday, December 5 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Story Time
Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Ave.
McLean, VA 22101

Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Wednesday, December 6 - 11:30 a.m.

ITC Friendly Story Time.
Richard Byrd Library
7250 Commerce Street
Springfield, VA 22150

Contact: Melissa.davis@fairfaxcounty.gov or 571-288-4536

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20, 27 - 10 - 10:45am

Sensational Explorers (Registration is limited to 5 children
per 4 week session, must register)

Providence Community Center
3001 Vaden Dr.

Fairfax, VA 22031

Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Thursday, December 7 - 10 - 11:30 a.m.

ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 515G
Alexandria, VA 22309

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Thursday, December 7 - 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Dad's Pizza Night

Joseph Willard Health Center (rear entrance)
3750 Old Lee Hwy
Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact: mark@nurturechildandfamily.com or 703-655-7694

Friday, December 8 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Storytime
Pohick Library
6450 Sydenstricker Rd.
Burke, VA 22015

Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Monday, December 11 - 10:30 a.m.

Winter Craft/Playtime
Centreville Library
14200 St. Germain Drive
Centreville, VA 20121

Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391 / mia.batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703)223-1392

Tuesday, December 12 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Story Time
Herndon Fortnightly Library
768 Center St.
Herndon, VA 20170

Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Wednesday, December 13 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Storytime
City of Fairfax Regional Library
10360 North Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Wednesday, December 13 - 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 pm

ITC Storytime and Playtime
Chantilly Library
4000 Stringfellow Rd.
Chantilly, VA 20151

Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Thursday, December 14th - 10 - 11:30 a.m.

ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 515G
Alexandria, VA 22309

Contact: Christina.Huie@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-704-5016

Friday, December 15 - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Music with Myra
Therapeutic Rhythms Office
441D Carlisle Drive
Herndon, VA 20170

Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Tuesday, December 19 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Story Time
Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Ave.
McLean, VA 22101

Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

January

Tuesday, January 2 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Sensory Story Time
Sherwood Hall Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306

Contact: Melissa.davis@fairfaxcounty.gov or 571-288-4536

Tuesday, January 2 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Story Time
Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Ave.
McLean, VA 22101
Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Wednesday, January 3 - 11:30 a.m.

ITC Friendly Story Time.
Richard Byrd Library
7250 Commerce Street
Springfield, VA 22150
Contact: Melissa.davis@fairfaxcounty.gov or 571-288-4536

Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, and 24 - 10:10:45 a.m.

Sensational Explorers (Registration is limited to 5 children
per 4 week session, must register)

Providence Community Center
3001 Vaden Drive
Fairfax, VA 22031

Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Thursday, January 4th - 10 - 11:30 a.m.

ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 515G
Alexandria, VA 22309

Contact: Christina.Huie@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-704-5016

Thursday, January 4 - 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Dad's Pizza Night

Joseph Willard Health Center (rear entrance)
3750 Old Lee Hwy
Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact: mark@nurturechildandfamily.com or 703-655-7694

Friday, January 5 - 10:30 a.m.

ITC Story Time
Herndon Fortnightly Library
768 Center St.
Herndon, VA 20170

Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Friday, January 5 - 10 am - 12 pm

ITC Playtime - Bubbles, Parachute, and Smiles!
Chantilly Library

4000 Stringfellow Rd.
Chantilly, VA 20151

Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Monday, January 8, 22, 29; February 5, 12 - 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kids 'N Motion (registration is required)

Mott Community Center
12111 Braddock Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7 - 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Kids 'N Motion (registration is required)

James Lee Community Center
2855 Annandale Rd.
Falls Church, VA 22042

Contact: Ilse.Rothenberg@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-4557

Thursday, January 11 - 10 - 11:30 a.m.

ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 515G
Alexandria, VA 22309

Contact: Christina.Huie@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-704-5016

Thursday, January 11 - 10:30 a.m.

Winter Craft/Playtime
Tyson's Pimmit Regional Library
7584 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22043

Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391 / Ilse.rothenberg@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703)223-4557

Friday, January 12 - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Music with Myra Goodrich (registration is required)
South County Human Services Building
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 515G
Alexandria, VA 22309

Contact: Mia.Batson@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Friday, January 12 - 10 a.m.

King of Kings Playgroup
4025 Kings Way
Fairfax, VA 22033

Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Tuesday, January 16 – 10:30 a.m.
ITC Story Time
Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Ave.
McLean, VA 22101
Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Wednesday, January 17 – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 pm
ITC Storytime and Playtime
Chantilly Library
4000 Stringfellow Rd.
Chantilly, VA 20151
Contact Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Thursday, January 18 – 10 to 11:30 a.m.
ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 515G
Alexandria, VA 22309
Contact: Christina.Huie@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-704-5016

Wednesday, January 24 - 10:30 a.m.
ITC Storytime
Pohick Library
6450 Sydenstricker Rd.
Burke, VA 22015
Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Thursday, January 25 – 10 to 11:30 a.m.
ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 515G
Alexandria, VA 22309
Contact: Christina.Huie@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-704-5016

Friday, January 26 – 10:30 a.m.
Wee Got the Beat music class with Ms. Beth (Registration is required)
Herndon Fortnightly Library
768 Center St.
Herndon, VA 20170
Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Monday, January 29 – 10:30 a.m.
ITC Meet and Greet at the Parent Resource Center (Registration is required)
Parent Resource Center
2334 Gallows Road, Room 105
Dunn Loring, Virginia 22027
703-204-3941
Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

February

Thursday, February 1 – 10 to 11:30 a.m.
ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 515G
Alexandria, VA 22309
Contact: Christina.Huie@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-704-5016

Thursday, February 1 – 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Dad's Pizza Night
Joseph Willard Health Center (rear entrance)
3750 Old Lee Hwy
Fairfax, VA 22030
Contact: mark@nurturechildandfamily.com or 703-655-7694

Friday, February 2 – 10:30 a.m.
ITC Story Time
Herndon Fortnightly Library
768 Center St.
Herndon, VA 20170
Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Friday, February 2 – 10 a.m.
King of Kings Playgroup
4025 Kings Way
Fairfax, VA 22033
Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Monday, February 5 - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Kid Junction: Exceptional Kids Night
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Tuesday, February 6 – 10:30 a.m.
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Sherwood Library
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Tuesday, February 6 – 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday, February 7 – 11:30 a.m.
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Thursday, February 8th – 10 - 11:30 a.m.
ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
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Monday, February 12 - 10:30 a.m.
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Pohick Library
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Burke, VA 22015
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Tuesday, February 13 – 10:30 a.m.
Fun with Friends Playgroup
Dolley Madison Library
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McLean, VA 22101
Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Thursday, February 15 – 10 - 11:30 a.m.
ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
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Alexandria, VA 22309
Contact: Christina.Huie@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-704-5016

Friday, February 16 - 10:00 a.m.
King of Kings Playgroup
4025 Kings Way
Fairfax, VA 22033
Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Friday, February 23 – 10:30 a.m.
Wee Got the Beat music class with Ms. Beth (Registration is required)
Reston Regional Library
11925 Bowman Towne Dr.
Reston, VA 20190
Contact: Carolina.Kasper@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-223-1391

Saturday, February 17 – 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 pm
ITC Playtime - Bubbles, Parachute, and Smiles!
Chantilly Library
4000 Stringfellow Rd.
Chantilly, VA 20151
Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Tuesday, February 20 – 10:30 a.m.
ITC Story Time
Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Ave.
McLean, VA 22101
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Wednesday, February 21 – 3:30 – 5:00 pm
ITC Storytime and Playtime
Chantilly Library
4000 Stringfellow Rd.
Chantilly, VA 20151
Contact: Mia.Batson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-223-1392

Thursday, February 22 – 10 - 11:30 a.m.
ITC Terrific Thursday Parent Support Playgroup
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Alexandria, VA 22309
Contact: Christina.Huie@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-704-5016

Friday, February 23 – 10:30 a.m.
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Reston, VA 20190
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ITC's PURPOSE

The Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church provides early intervention supports and services to infants and toddlers from birth to age three who are not developing as expected or who have a medical condition that can delay normal development. Early intervention supports and services focus on increasing the child's participation in family and community activities that are important to the family. In addition, supports and services focus on helping parents and other caregivers know how to find ways to help the child learn during everyday activities. These supports and services are available for all eligible children and their families regardless of the family's ability to pay.



To request this information in an alternate format, call ITC-FFC, 703-246-7180, 703-538-5292 (TTY). Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations call ITC-FFC, 703-246-7180, 703-538-5292 (TTY). Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

